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OF THE

Board of Trade of the Maritime Provinces.

*Adopted at a Conference of the Maritime Boards of Trade, held at
Halifax, August 13th, 1895.*

*Revised and passed at the Annual Meeting of the Board, held at
St. John, N. B., September 30th, 1896.*

1.—This Board shall be known as the BOARD OF TRADE OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

2.—It shall be composed of delegates selected from the various Boards of Trade throughout the Maritime Provinces, on the basis of ten per cent of each Board's membership.

3.—It shall deal with all matters affecting the interest of trade and commerce in the Maritime Provinces, as well as in the whole Dominion.

4.—The Officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, each representing one of the Maritime Provinces, and a Secretary-Treasurer, to be elected at the annual meeting of the Board. Any vacancy occurring through death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

5.—There shall be a Council composed of one member from each affiliated Board, who shall be elected by their respective Boards immediately after the annual meeting of the Maritime Board, five members of which shall form a quorum. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Maritime Board shall be *ex officio* members.

6.—The annual meeting of the Board shall be on the third Wednesday of August at such place as may be selected by

the Council unless the place for any meeting shall be fixed by resolution of the Board. Any such meeting may be adjourned to any subsequent date by the members present.

7.—Special General Meetings of the Board may be summoned at any time by the President, the two Vice Presidents or the Council.

8.—Each affiliated Board shall pay annually to the Secretary-Treasurer toward the expenses of the Maritime Board an amount in the proportion of a *per capita* tax of Fifteen Cents each on its membership.

RULES AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Board of Trade of the Maritime Provinces.

1.—The President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by nomination and ballot separately.

2.—The order of business shall be as follows :—

(1.)—Roll Call.

(2.)—Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting and amendment or approval of the same.

(3.)—Reading of the Minutes of meetings of Council held since the last general meeting.

(4.)—Presentation of Petitions and Communications.

(5.)—Reports of Committees.

(6.)—Election of Officers.

(7.)—Unfinished Business.

(8.)—New Business.

3.—At each meeting of the Board, immediately after the roll shall be called, the President or other Chairman shall appoint a Committee on unfinished business to consist of one delegate from each affiliated Board represented at the meeting. Such Committee shall forthwith proceed to arrange the order in which the various subjects for consideration shall be taken up, providing as far as possible, that each affiliated Board, in order of larger membership, shall have priority as to one such subject only. The Committee on unfinished business shall report the order of subjects to the Board for confirmation as soon as possible after their appointment, and shall report any other subjects proposed for consideration from time to time throughout the meeting.

4.—All questions relative to the priority of Business shall be decided without debate.

5.—The Chairman shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Board.

6. All motions shall be made in writing, when required by the Chairman; no debate shall be allowed except on a motion regularly before the chair, but a motion may be prefaced.

7.—When two or more members rise at the same time, the Chairman shall name the member who is first to speak.

8.—A Member being called to order, shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain.

9.—If any Member appeal from the decision of the Chair, the Board shall decide the case without debate.

10.—Any Member may of right require the question under discussion to be read for his information at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member while speaking.

11.—No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than ten minutes on any one question without leave.

12.—Every member, wishing to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair; he shall confine himself strictly to the matter under discussion.

13.—No motion shall be put or debated, unless the same be seconded; when seconded, it shall be stated by the Chairman before debate.

14.—After a resolution is stated by the Chairman, it shall be deemed in possession of the Board, but may, by permission of the Board, be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

15.—When a question is under debate, the only motions in order shall be—1st, to adjourn; 2nd, the previous question; 3rd, to lay on the table; 4th, to postpone indefinitely; 5th, to adjourn to a certain time; 6th, to refer; 7th, to amend.

The previous question, when moved, must be seconded by at least five members. When the previous question is moved and seconded, it shall be put in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" If this is carried, all further amendments and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay. If the question has been amended, the vote shall be taken on the amendment first. If more than one amendment has been made, the last made amendment in order shall take precedence in the vote. It shall not be in order to reconsider the previous question.

16.—A motion to adjourn the Board shall be always in order, except—1st, when a member is in possession of the floor; 2nd, while the yeas and nays are being called; 3rd, while the members are voting; 4th, when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken: a motion to adjourn simply cannot be amended, but a motion to adjourn to a given time may be, and is open to debate.

17.—A motion to lay a question on the table simply, is not debateable, but a motion to lay on the table and publish, or with any other conditions, is subject to amendment and debate.

18.—A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order; but a motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained. An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order, but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

19.—A question may be reconsidered at any time during the same meeting, on a motion made and seconded by members who voted in the majority, and when once made and decided in the negative, shall not be revived before the next meeting of the Board; and no question shall be reconsidered more than once, nor shall a vote to reconsider be reconsidered.

20.—No Member shall be eligible for the office of President or Vice-President for more than two years in succession.

21.—The Secretary-Treasurer shall duly record in a book, all minutes, or resolutions, decisions, and other proceedings of

the Board, entering therein all accepted reports, orders and resolutions, and shall notice reports, memorials, and other papers submitted to the Board only by their titles, or a brief description of their purport. He shall also keep proper books of account and submit the same for audit at the annual meeting and whenever called on by the President or the Council so to do.

22.—The payments from affiliated Boards shall fall due on the third Wednesday in August in each year, and no delegate shall have the right to take part in the annual meeting until such payment from the Board he represents shall have been made.

23.—The foregoing By-Laws shall likewise govern the proceedings of the Council, in so far as they are applicable.

24.—The Constitution and By-Laws may be added to, repealed or amended by a vote of two thirds of all the members present at any general meeting of the Board, notice of such amendment having been given at a previous general meeting and entered upon the minutes, or sent in writing to the Secretary at least one month before the general meeting at which it is to be considered. If any such notice shall be received by the Secretary he shall forthwith send a copy of the same to each affiliated Board.

